(c) whether the male partner of female Ass had also died in Delhi Zoo, some time before;

(d) whether it is a fact that similar incidents of serious sickness and death of endangered breed animals have been reported in the past in Delhi Zoo;

(e) whether these incidents show that Delhi Zoo lacks arrangements for keep of animals of endangered breed including poor look after of animals;

(f) whether Government propose to take some serious steps in this regard; and

(g) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The symptoms of the sickness were loss of appetite, frothy salivation, constipation and excoriation on the tongue. The reasons for such serious sickness was diagnosed as viral infection. However, inspite of all the efforts the animal died on 3-3-95.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) There were some cases in the past of sickness and death of endangered animals in Zoo.

(e) to (g) Central Zoo Authority has evaluated the zoo while recognizing it and made certain recommendations which covers veterinary care also. The Zoo is taking steps to implement the recommendations in a phased manner as per fund availability.

"Provision for checking vehicular emissions"

1271. SHRI GAYA SINGH:

SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any programme of the Central Pollution Control Board to check the smoke of vehicles in the capital;

(b) whether there is a provision for every petrol pump in the capital to keep instruments for checking vehicular emissions; and

(c) whether these instruments are properly calibrated to show accurate reading and what is the programme of Central Pollution Control Board to check calibration of these instruments in every petrol pump in the capital;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, Directorate of Transport, Delhi Administration have approved a number of petrol pumps/workshops for monitoring of vehicular emissions and issuing a certificate of compliance.

(c) According to Central Pollution Control Board, during inspection it was found that at some places, the testing equipment were not properly maintained and calibrated. The Delhi Administration has been asked to take appropriate steps in the matter.

Forest cover in Andhra Pradesh

1272. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) How after the Ministry of Environment and Forests commission-

ed satellite surveys to assess the state of forest cover in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether any such satellite survey for the forest cover in Andhra Pradesh has been done in 1994-95; and

(c) if so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Assessment of country's forest cover is done by the Forest Survey of India once in two years on the basis of visual and digital interpretation of the satellite imageries and is documented in the State of Forest Report published by the Forest Survey of India. The last report was published by them in 1993 and this related to the period 1989-91.

(b) The report of Forest Survey of India (VI assessment of the country's forest cover) pertaining to the period 1993-95 will appear in the State of Forest Report, 1997.

(c) Does not arise.

Phasing out of the Chlorofluoro Carbons

1273. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMSHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Montreal Protocol for phasing out the Chlorofluoro Carbons (CFC's) and other ozone depleting substances, contemplated certain amount of contributions to the International Monetary Fund by the Developed Countries for the purpose;

(b) if so, what was the stipulation in the Protocol in this regard, and what mechanism was provided for monitoring the contributions;

(c) what was the position of this Fund as on January 1, 1995; and

(d) whether Government have taken any steps to impress upon the developed countries to make up deficiency in their contributions to the Fund; if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No, Sir, No contribution is to be made to the International Monetary Fund under the Montreal Protocol.

(b) The financial mechanism established under the Protocol includes a multilateral fund, contributions to which are to be made primarily by the developed countries. The contributions are monitored by the Parties and an Executive Committee set up by them.

(c) Balance available in the Multilateral Fund as on February 15, 199 was US dollar 11,828,833.

(d) The Government has taken up the matter in the Executive Committee meetings, the Meetings of the Parties and bilatrally with some ke developed counries for adequate and timely replenishments.

Taking over of agricultural Land fo Power Plant Dabhol

1274. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Wi the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AN FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the repor that agricultural holdings are beir taken over for the power plant, pr posed to be set up by the Enron Co poration at Dabhol, Maharashtra;